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DRAFT DECISION

The activities of the United Nations Development Programme in the Baltic States and the Commonwealth of Independent States

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 92/8 of 14 February 1992, and its decision 92/__ of __ May 1992,

Taking note of document DP/1992/51,

Welcoming Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan as recipient countries in the United Nations Development Programme,

Stressing that the United Nations Development Programme's involvement in the Baltic States and the Commonwealth of Independent States should not be to the detriment of existing programmes,

Taking fully into account the requirements of these countries with respect to their interaction with the United Nations system in general and with the United Nations Development Programme in particular,

Recognizing the need to ensure that the United Nations Development Programme's work in the region and that of other multilateral and bilateral donors is complementary,

Wishing to ensure that any temporary United Nations Development Programme field structure in the countries concerned is determined solely by the practical requirements of its operations,

Emphasizing the importance it attaches to an integrated United Nations system approach to and integrated United Nations system presence in the countries concerned,

Aware of the need for the United Nations Development Programme to respond appropriately to changing circumstances in the countries concerned,

1. Notes the intention of the Administrator to submit, wherever possible, country programmes for the countries concerned to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993);

2. Requests the Administrator to work with the countries concerned, other interested governments, and other relevant bodies, including the World Bank, the European Economic Community, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Asian Development Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, so as to ensure that the United Nations Development Programme's work in the region is focused on areas where it has a comparative advantage;

3. Further requests the Administrator to continue efforts to clarify the country-specific role and comparative advantages of the United Nations Development Programme in the countries concerned;

4. Also requests the Administrator to work with the United Nations Secretariat and other relevant United Nations bodies, in particular the Administrative Committee on Coordination and the Joint Consultative Group on Policy, in order to reach an early agreement which will ensure an integrated United Nations system approach to and an integrated United Nations system presence in the countries concerned, including common administrative support arrangements;

5. Invites the governing bodies of other relevant United Nations specialized agencies and funds, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly at their 1992 sessions to examine ways of ensuring such an integrated approach and integrated presence;

6. Requests the Administrator to provide the countries concerned with operational support during the 1992-1993 period, particularly in the areas of programme development, national capacity-building and the provision of practical advice, using available programme resources and extra-budgetary resources;

7. Authorizes the Administrator to open at this stage a limited number of temporary national and/or regional United Nations Development Programme offices in the countries concerned;

8. Requests the Administrator, taking into account the needs of the countries concerned during this transitional period, to give priority in determining the location of any temporary United Nations Development Programme office to those countries with the lowest relative levels of per capita gross national product and the highest levels of indicative planning figure and aggregate programme resources;

9. Also requests the Administrator to follow an innovative and cost-effective approach when opening any offices and/or providing operational support;

10. Approves, on an exceptional basis, the use during the 1992-1993 period of up to $3 million from savings in the original appropriation for the 1992-1993 core budget, as specified in document DP/1992/40, to enable the Administrator to give effect to paragraph 7 of the present decision;

11. Urges the Administrator to negotiate cost-sharing arrangements with the countries concerned, with the aim of covering from host country contributions all expenses in local currency incurred in a given country;

12. Encourages the Administrator to seek to complement the country indicative planning figures through other programmable resources, including United Nations Development Programme non-convertible currency holdings and extrabudgetary resources;

13. Decides to review at its special session in February 1993 the provisional action undertaken by the Administrator in the execution of the present decision and the size of the budgetary envelope contained in paragraph 10 of the present decision on the basis of a report from the Administrator and in the light of any deliberations that have taken place pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 5 of the present decision.